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SUBJECT:MINE CLEARANCE IN SOUTH LEBANON

1. UNIFIL IS CONCERNED WITH PROBLEM OF MINES LEFT FROM RECENT FIGHTING IN SOUTH LEBANON. WE ALSO SEE THIS AS SERIOUS PROBLEM, NOT ONLY FOR UNIFIL BUT ALSO FOR RETURNING REFUGEES. UNIFIL HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN OBTAINING A DEVICE THAT CAN BE ADAPTED TO AN ARMORED VEHICLE WHICH SWEEPS AND CLEARS THE ROADS OF MINES MORE RAPIDLY AND SAFELY THAN HAND-HELD EQUIPMENT IT PRESENTLY IS USING. THE US DOES NOT HAVE SUCH A DEVICE IN THE DOD INVENTORY.

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2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ISRAEL DOES HAVE A ROLLER OR FLAILING DEVICE ADAPTED TO A TANK CHASSIS THAT THE IDF USES FOR CLEARING ROADS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF HOW EFFECTIVE THIS DEVICE IS AND WHETHER THE UN SHOULD APPROACH THE ISRAELIS TO OBTAIN ONE ON LOAN OR PURCHASE. VANCE

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